

Speaker's agenda so as to take up LB 783A.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Madam Chair and members, this is one last chance on the railroad A bill. Just a few quick votes. I don't want to talk about it. If you want to look at the Attorney General's Opinion that just came up too late for the debate yesterday. It's on page 2873. It's a favorable opinion and so I just ask you to vote, take four quick votes to do this. I would give some time to Senator Wickersham if he wanted it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President, members, I'll try to be brief. Earlier this evening, of course, the body showed that it was in a generous mood and I'll ask only a small amount of indulgence this late in the evening. I just want to advise you that the abandonment process has begun on the railroad. The C&NW has filed an application for an expedited abandonment of the segment from Dakota Junction to Crandall, Wyoming. That is only the beginning. Once that segment is abandoned, the next piece of the line which runs from Dakota Junction to Norfolk will be the subject of an abandonment proceeding. I've going to advise that those abandonment proceedings can be easily completed before we would reconvene next January. So when we come back, the line could very well be gone. We are seeking this extraordinary effort at this hour of the night simply because we wish to strengthen our hand in the negotiations with the C&NW and the proceedings which have now begun in front of the Interstate Commerce Commission seeking to oppose the abandonment of the line. Thank you for your consideration.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Speaker Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Madam President and colleagues, I vigorously oppose this motion. I think that we followed the procedures very correctly in this body as we worked our way through this issue. This issue no longer has any priority status. It failed twice on Select File. It has had its options in here, it has had its time in here to be considered. This is an absolutely ridiculous motion to overrule the agenda at this hour of the day on the 90th day for something that is no more important than anything else that we consider in this body and I